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1. Subsequent to the 19 November meeting of Khalid Baghdash and other Syrian Communists in the office of Ratib Qadmani, a number of Syrian Communist leaders, including the following, went to Lebanon:

Mahmud Sha'ar	}	from Aleppo
'Abd-al-Jalil Siris		
Muhammad Ghannam		
Elias Butrus Khuwayn		
Abu-Jurayj Khayyat		
Dr. Artin Jamiqian	}	from Homs
Mustafa Ra'i		
'Abd-al-Karim Qasim		
Sa'id Sa'ati		
Fu'ad Abarah		

2. Some of these men went to Tripoli and then returned to Beirut, bringing with them the following Tripoli Communists:

Ahmad Adra
'Abdullah Adra
Lutfi Shahhal
Karim Sayyad
Artin Kalajian
Moses Kasparian

3. In Beirut several other Communists joined the group. They were:

Mahmud Barma	}	from Damascus
Adib Safi, a Palestinian		
Bahjat Baghdash		
Michel Faysal		
Ilyas Faysal		

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4. The purpose of the gathering in Beirut was to discuss the idea of urging, during Communist Party meetings, the workers of Lebanon to proclaim general strikes.

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5. On 3 December Rashid 'Isa and Wasfi Banna, members of the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party, visited the Soviet Legation in Beirut and talked with Charge d'Affaires Viktor Khangulov for an hour. They discussed current events in Syria as well as the decisions adopted by the Communist Party at a meeting in Lebanon on 28 November which had been attended by top leaders of the Syrian and Lebanese Communist Parties. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly identical with the meeting reportedly held in Syria on the same date, see [REDACTED], paragraph 1-b.)

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